

PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET

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PROJECT: Great Lakes/St. Lawrence Seaway Study

DESCRIPTION: Canada and the United States are partnering a supplement (to the Reconnaissance Report) study effort that formally began in 2003. Bi-national Project Delivery Teams are evaluating the engineering, economic and environmental conditions of the waterway to establish the baseline condition for the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway. This information will determine the requirements to maintain the integrity of the navigation system and environmental sustainability of the waterway for the next fifty years. It's anticipated the study will also evaluate other factors such as modal integration, trade facilitation, congestion mitigation and overall sustainable transportation.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Senators Carl Levin (D-MI), Herbert Kohl (WI), Richard J. Durbin (D-IL), Mike DeWine (R-OH), George V. Voinovich (R-OH), and Representatives Peter D. Visclosky (D: IN-1) and James L. Oberstar (DFL: MN-8)

LOCATION MAP & PICTURE:



NON-FEDERAL PROJECT SPONSOR: Not Applicable

PROJECT AUTHORITY: Section 456 of WRDA 1999 (PL 106-53), as amended by the Energy & Water Development Appropriations Act, 2003 (of H.J. Resolution 2, Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003) (PL 108-7)

FUNDING:

	<u>Federal</u>
Current Working Estimate	\$ 7,000,000 /1
Funds Expended prior to FY04	\$ 1,801,000
Funds allocated in FY04	\$ 1,300,000
FY05 Budget	\$ 800,000
Funds that could be used in FY05	\$ 2,700,000

/1 Canada is participating as a partner in the study effort. It is estimated that between \$6,000,000 and \$9,000,000 will be required to establish the baseline condition (without project) condition for the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway System.

SCHEDULE MILESTONES:

Reconnaissance Study Initiated	JAN 01
Preliminary Reconnaissance Report Completed	JUN 02
Reconnaissance Report Approved	FEB 03
Supplemental Study Phase Approved	FEB 03
Supplemental Study Phase Completed	OCT 06

STATUS: The Reconnaissance Report was approved as a basis for further study efforts to support a Federal decision to proceed with feasibility phase studies. A supplement to the Reconnaissance Report is being prepared to provide a baseline for the without-project conditions for the environment, engineering features and economic conditions of the system. Since the system is a unique bi-national waterway, options for partnering with Canada in future study efforts (feasibility) are being investigated.

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